

First UMC of Evanston Leadership

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Report from the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

Asterisk () indicates to new to the committee*

*Two Asterisks (**) indicates returning to the committee in new term*

CHURCH GOVERNANCE

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: Carol Barnett
Vice Chair: Craig Chambers
Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu
Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox

Class of 2025: Todd Bowen*, Jessica Chadwick*, Linda Federer*

Class of 2024: Phil Crihfield, Steve Prout, Chris Webler*

Class of 2023: Carol Barnett, Craig Chambers, Grant Bailey

BOOK OF DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Bill Brown
Vice Chair: Elaine Moy Johnson*
Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox
Investment Consultant: Geoff Renk
Church Council Liaison: Phil Crihfield

Class of 2025: Catherine Cerra*, Martha Rudy*, Cardelle Spangler

Class of 2024: Eric Alonso, Jim Hagedorn, Elaine Moy Johnson

Class of 2023: Bill Brown, Andrew Connor, **open**

Trustee Subcommittees

Investment:

Eric Alonso (chair), Phil Crihfield, Bob Hetzel, Geoff Renk, Karen Young

Planned Giving: TBD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: George Asante
Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox
Treasurer: Nancy Pendergrass
SPRC: David Cerra

Board of Trustees: Bill Brown
Church Council Liaison: Steve Prout
Lay member to Annual Conference: Rebecca Smith

Finance Committee Members at Large:

Class of 2025: Melissa Appelt*, *pending*, *pending*
Class of 2024: Don Bender, Nancy Pendergrass, Bob Hetzel
Class of 2023: George Asante, Robert Jackson, Christine Taylor

The Finance Committee's main purpose and highest priority is to ensure the short- and long-term financial viability of the Church, through oversight of the Church's financial policies and timely monitoring of the Church's current financial state. This work includes coordinating the preparation of the annual budget, monthly review of financial statements and the annual audit. Also the Committee has individual liaison relationships with the staff and committee leaders that is meant to enhance the knowledge and understanding of each of the ministry areas for the finance committee, increase communication between the Finance Committee and the ministry areas, and to provide business support to the ministry areas on fiscal related topics in their area as they carry out the work of the ministry and stewardship of the church.

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Grace Imathiu, Senior Pastor
Vice Chair: Lynelle Diener
Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson
Church Council Liaison: Carol Barnett

Class of 2025: Cherie Asante,* Pam Johnson*, Julia Jackson*
Class of 2024: Jan Chapin, Don Baker*, *pending*
Class of 2023: Lynelle Diener, Steve Betzner, Nancy Pendergrass*

The committee works to (1) identify and nurture the gifts and passions of the congregation; (2) on the basis of those gifts and passions, identify and recruit persons for various First Church leadership and other ministry roles; and (3) provide intentional leadership development opportunities for adults and youth.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: David Cerra
Senior Pastor: Rev Grace Imathiu
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jack Hinz
Church Council Liaison: Todd Bowen

Class of 2025: David Cerra, Katie Brick*, Abbey Ogunbola**
Class of 2024: Beth Swanick**, Marion Clemens, Devon Thrush*
Class of 2023: Muriel Clair, Matt Peters, John Bausch

PROGRAMMATIC COMMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL

Chair: Henry Carrigan
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald
Church Council Liaison: Craig Chambers

Class of 2025: Elizabeth Cummings*, Greg Pool*, James Watts*
Class of 2024: Henry Carrigan, Leah Holzwarth*, Judy Freitag**
Class of 2023: Connie Gilman, *open, open*

The mission of the Adult Council is to provide opportunities to learn, reflect, and explore in a supportive community so that we can grow in our relationship with God and each other, and learn how to live out our faith in the world. Our goal is to offer a variety of formats and topics throughout the program year that support the strategic plan.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Patty Baker & Cate Whitcomb
Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu

Members: Dexter Bailey, Marcia Epting, Bruce Greene, Jack Hinz, Michael Lindner, Janet Lutz, Laura Mills, Joann Rea, John Rea, Chris Webler

The Archives Committee organizes and maintains historic and recent church records and responds to requests for information.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

Chair: Kate McCarthy
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald
Church Council Liaison: Jessica Chadwick

Class of 2025: Jessica Radcliffe*, Will Borders*, *open*

Class of 2024: Katy Clusen, Mary Hetzel, Dan Owens*
Class of 2023: Don Baker, Eleanor Nicholson, Kate McCarthy

The Children's Council acts as both a work committee and an advisory board to the Director of Children's Ministry. The Children's Council focuses on formulating, and supporting the vision of our various children's ministries. We consult with the Director of Children's Ministries in the planning the yearlong calendar. Under the umbrella of Children's Ministries are the following programs: Sunday School, Chapel, Connect 56, Nursery, Summer Camps (Creation Camp, VBS, Family Camp), Fellowship Groups (Jump and Club 123), Pageant, and holiday celebrations --i.e. advent, lent and Easter. We are currently working to help Brian write a children's music curriculum, looking for ways to engage children in worship, educating and connecting children to the adult ministry work at FUMC, and creating a children's lending library at church.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: S.E. Brick
Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson
Church Council Liaison: Chris Webler

Class of 2025: S.E. Brick, Wendy Istvanick*
Class of 2024: Karen Jordan Farr, Todd Kibbey, Lauren McDonald
Class of 2023: Liz Blackwell, Henry Pleas, Andy Shotwell

To improve the tools and messages used to connect our congregation and the community to the First Church mission

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Susan Prout**
Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Joe Agne*, Ed Webler*, John Kerastas*
Class of 2024: Susan Prout**, Kathy Ryan*, Barbara Sittler*
Class of 2023: Bev Otey

Congregational Care Subcommittees:

Greeting Card ministries: Glynis Doyle
Lay Visitor (Leaders): Janet Lutz
Meals Ministry: Caroline Wagner
Memorial Receptions: Susan Prout, Bob Roth
Advent Luncheon: Stephanie Clemson
Flower Delivery: Cate Whitcomb & Marsha Niazmand

FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL

Chair: Emily McClintock
Vice Chair: Jim Johnson
Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Lee Rader, Tom Scott*, *open*
Class of 2024: George Bond, Andrew Schumacher, Ann Robbins
Class of 2023: Jim Johnson, Liz Lithio, Emily McClintock

The FFC serves as a “covenant group” that focuses on implementing new groups based on feedback from congregation and keeping in mind our church’s goals and mission. We work with Pastor Grace Imathiu to support ongoing small groups, plan new groups, and assess their effectiveness.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: Kristi Hubbard
Co-Chair: *pending*

Staff Liaison: Ariel Alonso
Church Council Liaison: Chris Webler, Linda Federer

Class of 2025: *pending, open, open*
Class of 2024: Laura Mills, Jeneane Pence, Rob Meyer*
Class of 2023: Kristi Hubbard, Bob Roth, *open*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Mark Henry*
Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson
Church Council Liaison: Linda Federer

Karen Bailey, Christian Farr, Elisa Lindstrom, Mark Henry, Cheryl Price

The Membership Committee works to think strategically about and develop strategies for inviting and welcoming visitors into the church; connecting and engaging both visitor and members to opportunities for “growing in our relationships with God and living our faith in the world”; encouraging discernment and participation in the Inquirers membership process, and strategies for promoting member retention.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chair: Alli Henry*
Clergy: Rev. Britt Cox
Church Council Liaison: Grant Bailey

Class of 2025: Beth Tipton*, **open, open**
Class of 2024: Rich Hobson, Alli Henry, Lynn Forbing*
Class of 2023: Ann Weatherhead, Stephanie Clemson, Nancy Pendergrass*

M & O Subcommittees:

Adult Mission Trips TBD

Alternative Christmas Stephanie Clemson

Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry

Nancy Brown & Sue Hagedorn (co-chairs), Dexter Bailey, David D’Arcy, Tina Kalil*, Pam Kendall, Krys Juleen, Mike McGowan, Shanah Slade, Caroline Wagner

Emergency Overnight Shelter Craig Chambers

ESCCA TBD

First Friday Lunches Rebecca Beiter

Habitat for Humanity Joe Haughney

Sunday Lunches (Weekly): Deb Hays

Change for Change TBD

The Night Ministry Ann Weatherhead

SNAPGap (Interfaith Action) Melissa Appelt

Soup Kitchen David Karnes

Star Tree Bev Otey

Refugee Ministry Pam Kendall

Walk for Warmth (Interfaith Action) Melissa Appelt and Ann Weatherhead

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Chair: Tom Butler
Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu
Church Council Liaison: Carol Barnett

Mary Cauble, Laurie Lee Moses, Robert Harris, Tom Butler

Current focus on education and engagement at addressing racism

Earth Care Committee

Chair: Eileen Chambers (through June 2023)

Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu

Church Council Liaison: Craig Chambers

Phyllis Bird, Kathryn Calkins, Judith Campbell, Paula Scholl, Ladonna Taylor

Reconciling Ministry Task Force

Chair: *open*

Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu

Jessica Chadwick, Kathy Cheney-Egan, Terri Nelson, Beth Swanick, *open to others*

To support the community at First Church in their desire to be fully inclusive and welcoming.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Matt Moy Johnson and Bryan Wagner

Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu

Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox

YOUTH COUNCIL

Chair: Jim Hagedorn

Staff Liaisons: Kelsey Morton, Cherie Asante

Youth Ministry Intern: Lambert Habonimana

Youth Liaison: Sam Diener

Church Council Liaison: Carol Barnett

Jessica Chadwick, Jim Hagedorn, Scott Nelson, Jackie Owens*, Janet Simpson, Chris Williams

Youth Council members serve as creative planners, vision keepers and advisors to the Youth Ministry of First Church including learning (classes), serving (mission trips and local service work) and connecting in community (engaging kids in this community).

OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Chair: Dennis Damon Moore

Staff: Rev. Grace Imathiu, Dr. Brian Schoettler

Members: Michael Bergmann, Cheryl Haack, Kali Jankovich, Abbey Ogunbola, Preston Price, Matt Rader, Cate Whitcomb

LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Term ends July 2024

Representing this congregation:

Grant Bailey

S.E. Brick

Phil Crihfield

Elaine Moy Johnson

Martha Rudy

Rebecca Smith

Jack Hinz (Alternate)

Colin McDonald (Alternate)

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE, LAKE NORTH DISTRICT, AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Annual Conference Shepherding Team: Rev. Britt Cox (Justice and Mercy Ministries Designate); Nancy Pendergrass

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries: Ilsup Ahn, Katie Brick

Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Britt Cox

Board of Outdoor & Retreat Ministries: Grant Bailey

Board of Pensions: Beth Swanick

Committee on Investigation: Kathy Cheney-Egan, Anne Hampson

Conference Committee on the Status & Role of Women: Grant Bailey

Council on Finance and Administration: Rebecca Smith

Nominations Committee: Nancy Pendergrass

District Committee on Church Building and Location: Martha Rudy, Jane Cheema

District Committee on Ministry: Jane Cheema

District Committee on Superintendency: Jane Cheema

Jurisdictional Conference Alternate: Rev. Britt Cox

Jurisdictional Conference reserve delegate: Nancy Pendergrass

Red Door Fund: Martha Rudy

Residency Leadership Team: Bonny Roth

TOTAL CHILD BOARD

Total Child Director: Laura Carr

Board Chair: Kyle Davis (church member, TC parent)
Treasurer: Brian Starr (church member, TC parent)
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald

Members at Large:

Nancy Ansorge (non church member, former TC teacher)
Laura Brown (TC parent)
Jennifer Federer (church member)
Neha Chitnavis (TC parent)
Deb Hays (church member)
Lorraine Murphy (TC parent)
Miles Shultz (church member, TC parent)

Advisory board for Total Child Preschool

Church Treasurer

Nancy Pendergrass

Church Conference Recording Secretary

Cheryl Haack

Interfaith Action of Evanston

Ann Weatherhead

Melissa Appelt, Board President

University Christian Ministry Board

Katie Brick

United Voices for Children - Child Advocate

John Cheney-Egan

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